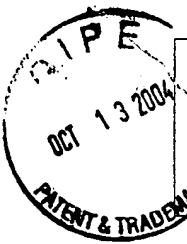


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In re Appln. of: Sumihito MORITA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/822,576

Filed: March 30, 2001

For: Thin-Film Magnetic Head Having Lower
Magnetic Pole Layer and Insulator Layer
Behind The Lower Magnetic Pole Layer in
The Direction of Height of the Pole Layer,
and Method For Manufacturing The Thin-
Film Magnetic Head

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

Sir:

Applicant(s) requests continued examination of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

☒ Submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (check at least one of the following):

☐ Previously submitted:

- ☐ Applicant(s) requests nonentry of any previously-filed unentered amendments.
- ☐ Please enter and consider the Amendment After Final Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____
- ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- ☐ Other: _____

☒ Attached is/are:

- ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ An Amendment to the written description, claims, or drawings
- ☐ New Arguments and/or New Evidence in support of Patentability
- ☒ Other: Preliminary Amendment and Response to Office Action of July 14, 2004

☐ Request for suspension of action:

Applicant(s) hereby request suspension of action on the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; requires Processing Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)).

☐ Small Entity Status:

☐ Applicant hereby asserts entitlement to claim small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27.

☐ A small entity statement or assertion of entitlement to claim small entity status was filed in prior application no. _____ / _____ and such status is still proper and desired.

☐ Is no longer desired.

☒ Applicant(s) calculate the following fees to be due in connection with this Request:

☒ A Request fee of \$790.00 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e).

☐ A suspension processing fee of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i).

☐ An additional filing fee of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 (_____ additional independent claims and/or _____ additional total claims).

☐ An extension fee of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) for a _____-month extension of time.

☒ Fee payment to cover the above-enumerated fee(s):

☒ A check in the amount of \$790.00 is enclosed.

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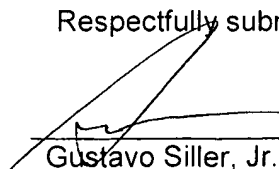
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Respectfully submitted,

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